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PACKAGE TO HELP COFFEE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a package to help coffee farmers to get relief regarding their debts in 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this package has not been implemented so far;and

(d) if so,the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) No package was declared by the Government exclusively for the benefit of coffee farmers in 2006.However,a package of relief measures for the debt stressed farmers was implemented by the banks in the 25 districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka and Kerala (Prime Minister`s relief package,announced in October 2006). This included 5 coffee growing districts, i.e. Chikmagalur,Hassan & Kodagu of Karnataka and Wayanad & Palakkad Districts of Kerala State.